

Freedom, the highest civilian honor, by President Lyndon Johnson. He was also honored with the Congressional Gold Medal by President Bill Clinton in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol, recognized for his work in civil rights and world peace. Graciously welcoming many American presidents to the University of Notre Dame, Rev. Hesburgh has created a powerful connection between our world leaders and the university.

Rev. Hesburgh has touched the lives of countless individuals around the world on his never-ending mission to spread world peace, eradicate poverty, and alleviate hunger. Approaching his upcoming 96th birthday and 70th anniversary as a priest, there are certainly many accomplishments to celebrate

from the Notre Dame campus to the global community. Most of all, I applaud Rev. Hesburgh for following God's calling to the priesthood and being a good and faithful servant to the people.

It is an honor to recognize Rev. Hesburgh for his patriotism and devoted commitment to bring peace, justice, and humility. His dignity and passion will be admired for generations for the unparalleled achievements and endless kindness that has forever shaped our society.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, on May 17, 2013 I missed a series of votes related to H.R. 1062, the so-called "SEC Regulatory Accountability Act", due to a prior commitment to escort my mother as she received an honorary doctorate from the West Virginia University. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the Hurt amendment, "yes" on the Maloney amendment, "yes" on the motion to recommit and "no" on this bill.